

REPORT.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

February 15th, 1841.

Read and made the order of the day for Thursday, the 18th instant.

The Committee on Inspections, to whom was referred the order of the House of the 5th of January, "instructing the committee to inquire into and investigate :

1st. The condition and affairs of the State Tobacco Warehouses, in the city of Baltimore.

2d. The conduct of the officers connected therewith.

3d. Whether any of the Inspectors have been in the habit of farming out their offices as Inspectors, to any person or persons, if so, to whom, and upon what terms.

4th. Whether or not the expenses of such Warehouses have not been unnecessarily increased.

5th. Whether such additional expense has not been improperly charged as labour rendered to such Warehouses.

6th. Into the expediency of reducing the outage on tobacco in said warehouses, so that the receipts may be more proportionate to the expenses of said inspection.

Beg leave to report, that the committee, in accordance with said order, and of the order of the 16th of January, proceeded to the City of Baltimore on the 26th of said month, and on the following morning commenced their investigations, which were continued through the four succeeding days, and from all the testimony they could obtain, beg leave to state, in answer to the first enquiry, that warehouse No. 1, requires alterations and repairs, that will cost, agreeable to an estimate they made, as herewith exhibited, the sum of fourteen hundred, forty-